(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Dropout rate in urban and rural areas

90. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of school dropouts in urban and rural areas in the country is increasing alarmingly; and

(b) whether Government consult the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The latest available data for the country as a whole pertain to the year 1985-86, and show a slight decline in the school drop out rates over the previous year. It must be stressed that the problem of drop outs, particularly in the case of girls, is a matter of concern and a variety of efforts are on to understand and resolve this problem.

(b) Strategies for universalising elementary education are regularly discussed with State Governments in various bodies like the Central Advisory Board of Education.

Dropout ratio between boys and girls in the country

91. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what percentage of boys and girls in the age group 5 to 14 years remained out of school during the last three years in the country, statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): Information on children in the age group 6-14 years remaining out of school during the year 1986-87 is being estimated with reference to the Fifth All India Educational Survey Data collected by the NCERT. This information will be furnished immediately after the estimation is completed. Data regarding out of school children in this age group during 1987-88 and 1988-89 have not been collected. Nor is an estimation of these data for these two years with reference to other available information feasible.

Registration of cases by CBI against the Principal and Teachers of K.V.S.

92. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Principals and teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas against whom the Central Bureau of Investigation has registered cases on various counts during 1988 and 1989;

(b) what are the details of allegations levelled against each of them; and

(c) the details of those who have been found guilty and or proceeded against departmentally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.